Further reading

1 Children Living In A Violent World?

DSCF (2010) *Working Together to Safeguard Children and Young People*. London: DSCF. This is the government guidance on child protection, prior to revision. The publication provides definitions of different types of child abuse, violence, neglect and exploitation, and explains the responsibilities of different statutory and community services.


2 Why Are Some Children Violent?

Further reading


A collection of research papers on violence among young people in the UK.


Longitudinal analysis of self-report data on drug use, offending and antisocial behaviour by young people aged 10 to 25 based on the Offending Crime and Justice Surveys carried out between 2003 and 2006.


Considers the social construction of childhood, including a chapter on crime.


A comprehensive review of criminological theory and policy issues including chapters on children and crime.
3 What Causes Child Maltreatment?

Further reading

This book brings together several years of research on child victimization and provides a clear explanation of the developmental victimology approach.

Hooper reviews the gendered aspects in the impact of child maltreatment.

One of the earlier texts in the field of new childhood studies which historically reviews the social construction of childhood.

A thorough, critical analysis of policy on child protection and safeguarding, risk and the growth of surveillance of children and parents.

A theoretical review and research-based exploration of attachment, its impact on development and of professional interventions with those affected by attachment disorders.
4 Consequences

Further reading

Reviews the impact of abuse and neglect, illustrating the analysis with a number of case study examples drawn from research and practice.

A qualitative study of young survivors, experiences of child maltreatment and professional interventions in Australia.

Research on children's experiences of living with domestic violence towards their mothers based on interviews with children in contact with domestic violence services.
5 Villains and Victims

Further reading


A thoughtful analysis of media representations of child victims from a childhood studies perspective.
6 Behaving Badly

Further reading

The review of the sexualization and commercialization of children conducted for the 
coalition government.

University Press, chs 6 and 7.  
A thorough and critical review of the Labour government’s reforms of children’s services 
including policies on young people and crime.

The review of research literature on the impact of the sexualization and commercialization 
of childhood on children’s psychological and emotional well-being and development.

7 Protection, Safeguarding and Prevention

Further reading

A cross-national comparative study of child protection responses in Europe looking at changes in the past 15 years.

The only review of child protection not to be done in response to a crisis commissioned by the coalition government.